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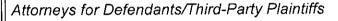
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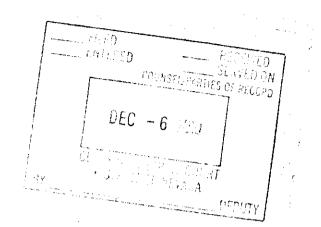
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Third-Party Plaintiffs,



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LAURA A. CARLSON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

JAMES BENEDETTI, et al.,

Defendants.

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DEFENDANTS' REQUEST TO EXCUSE ATTENDANCE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AT THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Defendants, by and through counsel, Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, William Geddes, Senior Deputy Attorney General, and Beth Hickman, Deputy Attorney General, hereby request that members of the Nevada State Board of Examiners be excused from attending the Settlement Conference currently scheduled for December 15, 2010.

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The Court's (#75) Order scheduling the settlement conference states, "If board approval is required to authorize settlement, the attendance of at least one sitting member of the board (preferably the chairperson) is absolutely required." (#75 at 2).

The State Board of Examiners consists of the Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General. Defendants' respectfully request that the Court excuse the attendance of the members of the State Board of Examiners at the settlement conference because the State Tort Claims Manager, who has the authority to settle cases up to \$75,000.00, will be in attendance. If the Defendants feel that a settlement in excess of \$75,000.00 is warranted, they will make their best efforts to obtain approval of the State Board of Examiners.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2010.

CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO Attorney General

BETH HICKMAN

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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: <u>/d///</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

OF EXAMINERS AT THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE by mailing a true and correct copy

I certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Nevada Attorney General and that on

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